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Two State Administrations.

Ex-Secretary of State Chilton, having arranged to pay to the state treasury the amount of his shortage, there is now no longer a fear that the state will lose anything, so far as that feature of the matter is concerned. The state administra-tion took the course that would save the treasury from loss, when it was understood that nothing could be gained by legal proceedings of the nature that some of the administration's critics were clamoring for. Only a small part of the shortage was covered by the bond and that was worthless. No charges of embezzlement could be brought, because, legally, there was no embezzlement.

The Chilton matter has served to call / the attention of the people of the state to the gross irregularities and looseness of business methods that prevailed at the state house under the late Democratic administration. The laws governing the secretary of state's office, and other departments of the state government, were almost utterly ignored, as has been shown by the investigation ordered by of public works, and even ordinary business rules. such as would apply to the conduct of an administrative establishment, seemed to be unknown. The condition of the capitol building was not at all inviting when it was taken charge of by the present administration, and the larger portion of the governor's contingent fund had to be expended to put it in habitable shape. Other matters showing the looseness of the methods of conducting the public business are subjects of cimmon knowledge.

When the reports of the state officers are rendered it will be seen by comparison that, not only has the present administration been more economical than its predecessor, but that it has brought to the treasury a large amount of money that, had the systems in vogue under the Democratic regime continued, would have been lost. The Intelligencer predicts that the reports of the state offi-cers will be a splendid showing for the present stewardship in contrast with that of the last administration.

In connection with the Chilton matter, some Democratic papers, notably the Charleston Gazette, have had a great deal to say regarding the alleged slowness of the administration in acting in the matter. It is unnecessary to say anything in defense of the administra-tion against these Democratic charges, nor to comment on the apparent desire on the part of a certain Democratic faction to see Chilton criminally prosecuted The public knows what the truth is and knows the motives of these papers. It may be well, however, to call attention to the fact that the exposure of the methods of conducting the public business under the last administration does not reflect alone upon Mr. Chilton, whose chief fault seems to have been that he trusted too much in his office force, and did not give the office enough of his per-

officers of that administration quite seri-It may, for instance, be pertinently inquired why it was that the secretary of state was not required to make his reports as provided by law, and why was not a proper bond required? The governor was the custodian of the bond, and the auditor knew that the semi-annual reports were not being made as the law expressly commands. Had these important details been attended to no Chilton shortage would ever have occurred, and Mr. Chilton would not now be under the necessity of disposing of his valuable property at a sacrifice to make good to the state money which is due it. Is it possible, for instances, that the auditor did not know that corporations were re-mitting their taxes to the secretary of

sonal attention, but it reflects on other

state's office instead of to him as the law required? The Intelligencer does not mean to reflect upon the honesty of any one, and desires not to do any one an injustice, but it may occur to the people of the state that if there was no dishonery, there was certainly a carelessness or disregard for business rules, which does not reflect credit upon the capacity of those who were in the responsible posttions at the state house from the 4th of Murch, 1893, to the 4th of March, 1897,

A Remarkable Case,

The remarkable developments on Tuesday in the trial of Wylle Bowers. for the murder of Henry Kiel, have been seldom equalled for dramatic interests in the courts of the country. A fougteen year old boy, whose confession weeks ago had caused his brother's arrest for a cowardly murder, whose story of the crime had been related to the detectives first, and afterward to a justice of the peace, with all the circumstantial details, goes upon the stand at the formal trial of his accused brother, and after | dose of German leads

repeating the story with a detail that would have been creditable to an older head, and weaving about his brother s him to the scaffold, suddenly, upon cross examination, and without a warning, voluntarly declares that his evidence at every point was a lie, and that there was iot even a foundation for it.

There have been other cases in which a witness has been forced to make such admissions upon the stand, but in this instance the circumstances were unusual and were interesting as exhibiting the peculfar state of mind of the boy. Psychologists might find in it an interesting study. According to young Bowers' statements to the attorney for the defense, the detectives and other officers had instucted him to tell nothing but the truth, and yet he said he had chosen to lie in every particular and to attempt to swear his brother's life away. ignorance and the peculiar condition of his mind, produced by the apparent confidence of the officers in the guilt of the accused man, young Bowers might seem to be impressed with the thought that, somehow or other, if he did not convict

latest tale is to be believed, he deliber stely concocted the story of the murder The two boys had fallen under suspic-ion, and the detective had become conduced that they knew something about the murder. There does not seem to have been any forcing of a confession from the younger boy, and yet the very confidence expressed that he did witness he tragedy seemed to impress him with the idea that he must admit it, even while the officers were enjoining him to

his brother something terrible would

happen to him (the witness), and, if his

tell nothing but the truth. Taking the developments of the crossexamination as the basis of reasoning the case is very remarkable. Certainly the boy has proven himself a consummate lar, whichever of his stories is the true one, but this fact, providing, always, that his latest confession is the right one, a matter upon which opinions are divided, may be doubtless attributed to his youth and ignorance rather than to any inherent depravity. person would hardly have been placed in such a situation.

The Pension List.

The Democratic press is clamoring for publication of the pension list. The inspiration is, of course, the hope that it may develop a large number of fraudulent pensioners, but we do not see any harm in the government complying with the demand. No honest pensioner will object to it. But the motive of the Democratic papers that are clamoring for the publication is a political one; they hope to show a large percentage of unjust pensions, and have an equally ardent hope that somehow or other the Republican party will suffer.

It is undoubtedly true that occasionaly an undeserving pensioner gets upon the rolls; it would be strange if he did not, and it is very probable that the percentage of such cases under a Republican administration of the bureau is no larger than under a Democratic administration. The official watchfulness is about as keen under one as under another, and the man who sets out to sccure a pension when he doesn't deserve neans to gain it under one as under the other. We distinctly remember that during the campaign of 1888, when the veterans were opposing Mr. Cleveland for e-election because of his vetoes of specal pensions bills that passed Congress. the Democratic orators and papers were pointing them to the alleged fact that notwithstanding these vetoes, the pen-sion department under his administraion had granted as many claims as had een granted under the Republican administration,

The fault is not with the department if fraudulent cases occasionally get through, and no partisan point can be made on that ground. The trouble is with the pension attorneys and the too willing desire of the fraudulent claimants to get upon the rolls.

Certainly no deserving veteran will have any objection to the publication of the list. It is well, however, to remember, that the necessity for this is not as t as it may appear to be. For many years past the daily list of pensions granted for every state in the Union has been given out to the press. It is made public, giving the names, addresses and the classes of pensioners. The leading newspapers of the country who have correspondents at Washington may obtain these lists each day for their states and publish them. The Wheeling morning papers have been publishing the list of West Virginia pensions granted each week for years past. This is done the many other states, so that if any undererving man's name appears as having been granted a pension all his neighbors know it. It is a fact that in states where newspapers follow this custom com plaints of fraud are few. The duily lists are always accessible at the department in Washington. However, if this does not satisfy those who fancy, it would be a great public benefit to publish a pension directory, why, Uncle Sam has the facilities to satisfy them and there will be no very strong objection.

Not satisfied with sending vessels to force an apology from little Hayti the emperor of Germany went out of his way to make the following remark concerning the Haytlans: "Tacy are a contemptible crowd of negroes, slightly in occulated with Prench civilization. My school ships even though only manned by boys, will teach them manners. Speaking of manners, the Kalser should remember that while he is enforcing international courtesy at the muzzle of cannon, the proprieties of the occasion would suggest the use of more diplo

One of the very best evidences of the wisdom of the President's Cuban policy, ne outlined in his message, is that the General Weyler and the Conservative party in Spain, whose brutal policy aroused the sympathy of this country for Cuba, are denouncing the message and President McKinley,

The Chinese fled when the German troops fired on them at Kalo-Chou Tuesday, and the emperor of China is still obdurate. Perhaps the emperor of Germany will yet have to give him a good

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

The escape of Morgan, whose right name is Raines, from the Jackson counname is Raines, from the Jackson county jail, was effected in the same manner that his father, Scott Raines, escaped from the Parkersburg jail many years ago, while awaiting trial for stealing a horse in the upper end of the county. Raines and his wife went from Jackson county to Dever's Pork in Wirt county, where the former worked in a saw mill. A man named Devers eloped with Raines' wife, coming to this city, where they procured a houseboat and floated down the Ohio. Raines, who was a powerful and desperate man, followed and overtook the couple at a point below here, went aboard the boat and nearly cut Devers in two with a knife. He afterwards came back here and was arrested for stealing the horse. He placed a dummy in his cell and one night dug his way out and escaped with several other prisoners. He made his way to Nicholas county, where he is mained with a friend for a year of more until they had a quarrel, when the friend notified the officers of his whereabouts. Flem Rader, known all over the lower end of the state, was deputized to arrest him. He found him concealed in the branches of a big cedar tree. Raines attempted to shoot, but was not quick enough and Rader opened fire and filled him with slugs. He fell to the ground a corpse—Parkersburg Scutine).

The dry goods store of D. F. Duling, at the state way to be a store the later way to be a store to be purely as a contract of the state. ty jail, was effected in the same manner

The dry goods store of D. F. Duling, at Spencer, W. Va., was totally destroyed by fire Saturday.

Mr. F. N. Smith has brought suit in the Fayette county circuit court vs. Messrs. George Davis and John A. Mc-Guffin, alleging \$4,000 damages. In his Guffin, alleging \$5,000 damages. In his bill the plaintiff avers that he bought from the defendants four hundred shares in a Colorado silver mine at \$100 each, for which he paid cash. He says that it was represented that the mine was warranted to possess silver ore of a very rich quality and in abundant quantity. That it was represented to him that the defendants had made an excavation of two hundred feet and had found a vein of very rich silver ore. The plaintiff now avers that no such silver mine was ever owned by the the defendants, and sues for a recovery of the money paid.—Fayerte Republican.

Dr. D. Mayer, who left yesterday for his post of duty as United States consul at Buenos Ayres, presented Colonel Flimilock Perry before he left, with a beautiful slik hat in token of the warm affection which exists between these two old soldiers of opposite sides. It was Colonel Perry's sixty-fifth birth-day.—Charleston Gazette.

The first of December ushered in a slight reduction in the wages of the mine workers of this region, which is being made in general. The rate being paid for mining since the first of July has been at the rate of forty cents a ton, which is five cents above the price fixed by our friend Evans, who has left us and gone to other fields. The price is now thirty-five cents a ton, which will likely continue through the winter for what work is likely to be had. Day laborers in all the departments will be likewise reduced, but it is still a little better than the Pittsburgh miners are getting. The one great trouble has been the lack of cars.—Fairmont Free Press. mine workers of this region, which is

We take off our hat to Colonel O'Brien Moore, of the Charleston Gazette, We have some times flattered ourselves that we had done effective work for the Republican party, but Colonel Moore with his Gazette, beats us all hollow. Long may it wave!—McDowell Record-

The Index is very glad to learn that the condition of Judge J. M. Hagans is gerous systems of his disease have disappeared and he is able to walk about his home. He hopes to be able to hold the February term of the circuit court for Monongalia, but if he fails in this, should he get no backset, he will likely preside here at the court in March. We hope this will be true.—Fairmont Index. very much improved. All of the dan-

WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS.

The worm the early bled got had probably been out all night.

The women set a lot more store by issing than the men they get more

By the time the average weman has learned what the referendum is she has quit fussing with politics.

After a man once begins noticing and talking about a girl's hair, he has to keep it up all the time or she acts hur. The women are probably wearing hair nets again just to see how much the men will stand before they begin on the bustle.

When a young man makes up his mind to be forgiving and gentle with his wife in everything, he seldom thinks about pillow shams.—New York

Yes, She Did.

She went around and asked subscriptions For the heathen black Expytions And the Terra del Fuegans, She did;

For the tribe at Athabasca, And the men of Madagascar, And the poor souls of Alaska, Bo she did.

She longed, she said, to buy Jelly cake and jam and plo For the Authropophagi, So she did.

How she loved the cold Norwegian, And the poor, half-melted Filian, And the dear Malacca islander: She did.

The poor, helpices, hopeless thing (My voice falters as I sing)
Tied his clothes up with a string,
Yes, he did.
—Salem Dally Gazette.

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THE DRUMMARD'S SERMON. It was Addressed to Two Gilded Youths Before a Saloon Bay.

New Orleans Picayune: It was grow-

ing late. The tide of humanity that ear-

lier in the evening had ebbed and flow-

ed through the streets of the great city

had swept onward, leaving the strange

and almost appalling sense of desola-

and almost appaining sease of ceasiartion that comes when the noises of the
town are hushed. The electric lights
flared unnoticed on the corners, the
street cars passed at farther lateryals,
now and then a night worker hurried
by, his footsteps ringing out loud and
clear in the stillness. In front of a
saleon whose lights shone out bright
and ruddy across the pavement, stood
a tramp, unshorn, ragged, dirty, diagusting. He warehed with envious
eyes the men who passed in and out
through the swinging doors, and then
turned his eyes toward two young
fellows in evening dress, who were
coming down the street toward him.
They had been drinking deeply, and
looked curiously at him. 'By jove,' said
one, 'think of having a thirst like that
and not the price of an extinguisher in
your pocket! Beats old Tantalus all to
pleccs, eh? Liquor, liquor everywhere
and not a drop to drink!' He fan his
hand in his pocket and proffered the
tramp a dime, but before it could be accepted, the other young fellow literposed. "Say," he said, "let's do the
good Samaritan and set Bobo up to a
good drink." The other hillariously
consented, and the tramp slouched into the saloon at the heels of the two
gilded youths. The barkeeper set before them glasses and liquors, and,
with a hand that shook, the tramp
poured out a brimming glass and raised
it to his lips. "Stop!" cried one of the
young men, drunkenly: "make us a
speech, if is poor liquor that doesn't
unlowen am, drunkenly: "make us a
speech, if is poor liquor that doesn't
unlowen a man's tongue." The tramp
hastily swallowed down the drink, and
as the rich liquor coursed through his
blood he straightened himself and stood
before them with a grace and dignity
that all his rags and dirt could not obscure. "Gentlemen," he said, "I look
to-night at you and at myself, and it
seems for me I look upon the picture of
my lost manhood. This bloated face
was once as young and handsome as
yours. This shambling figure once
walked as proudly as yours, a man in
a world of men, I, too, once ha

The tramp ceased speaking. The glass The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nerveless fingers and shivered into a thousand fragments on the floor. The swinging doors pushed open and shut to again, and when the little group about the bar looked up, the tramp was gone.

Round in Human Skin.

Plitsburgh Dispatch: In Camille Flammarion's library is a volume of the famous astronomer's works which bears the unique title "Souvenir d'Une Morte." It is unique because the title is wholly incompatible with the contents is wholly incompatible with the contents of the book, which is mainly devoted to selentific matters. However, when one hears the story that is told of this little volume it does not appear so strange after all, though interest in it grows all the greater. It is said that Mr. Flammarion, meeting a beautiful lady at a reception one evening, openly expressed his admiration for her really expressed his admiration for her really levely shoulders. So impressed was the lady that when she died her will directed that enough skin be taken from that yart of her person to bind the next work of the distinguished scientist. This was done, and the book referred to is the result.

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